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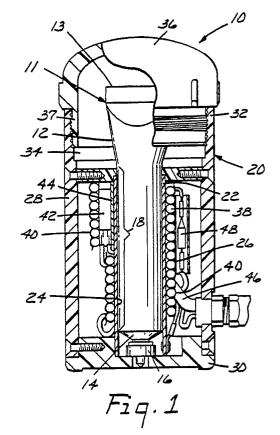
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- Method and combination for heating and dispensing hot melt materials.
- (37) A method for heating and dispensing hot melt materials in which the hot melt material is contained in a tube (11) having a cylindrical outer surface portion (18) over a majority of its length, and the hot melt material in the tube is heated by a heater assembly (10) through a heat transfer member (22) having a cylindrical inner surface (24) adapted to closely receive the cylindrical outer surface portion (18) of the tube (11).



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